

In the Drawings

The attached Replacement Sheets are formal drawings, and replace all of the informal drawing sheets originally filed (Figures 1-25). The Replacement Sheets include a clean version of amended Figure 7 as described below.

An Annotated Sheet Showing Changes is also attached which includes a redline marked-up version of Figure 7. Figure 7 has been amended to correct inadvertently mislabeled reference numbers. Support for these changes is found within the specification, and specifically within Figures 5 and 6.

An Appendix including the above identified replacement sheets and annotated sheet showing changes is attached following page 6 of this Amendment.

A Request for Corrections, Approval and Entry of Formal Drawings is also enclosed.

REMARKS

By this amendment, Applicant cancels claims 12-16, 18-22, 24-27, 29, 32-35, 37-42, 44-50, and 52-55 without prejudice or disclaimer. As a result, claims 1-11, 17, 23, 28, 30, 31, 36, 43 and 51 are pending with claims 1, 11, 17, 23, 28, 30, 31, 36, 43 and 51 being independent claims. Figure 7 is amended to change reference characters that were inadvertently mislabeled so as to correctly correlate with the existing specification. Specifically, in Figure 7, reference character "3" was replaced with reference character "35," and reference character "35" was replaced with reference character "37."

In addition, to comply with 37 CFR 1.84(p)(5), the specification is amended to include reference character "31," which correctly appears on Figures 1-3. No new matter has been added.

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CONCLUSION

A Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. The Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at the telephone number listed below if this communication does not place the case in condition for allowance.

If this response is not considered timely filed and if a request for an extension of time is otherwise absent, Applicant hereby requests any necessary extension of time. If there is a fee occasioned by this response, including an extension fee, that is not covered by an enclosed check, please charge any deficiency to Deposit Account No. 23/2825.

Respectfully submitted,

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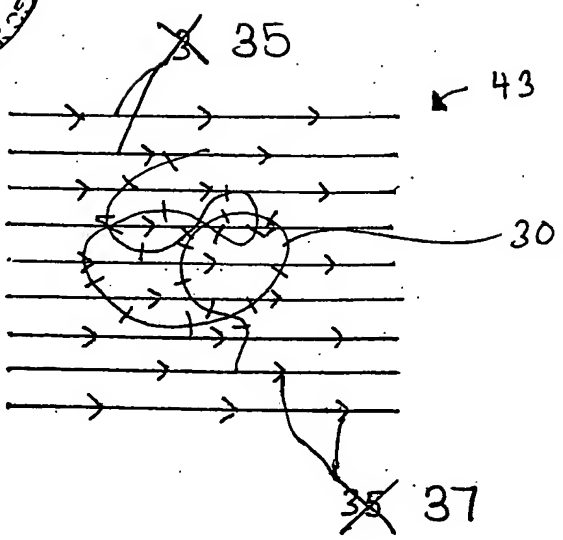


Figure 7

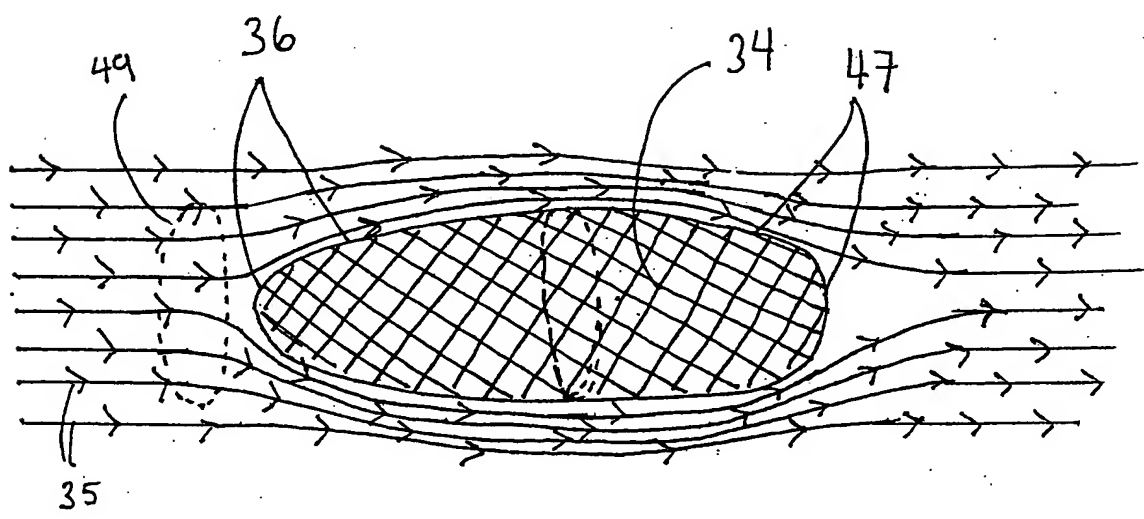


Figure 8